ABSTRACT

A requesting terminal includes an interface that allows a user to select whether data downloaded from a network (such as the Internet) is transmitted

5   to the requesting terminal via a high-speed link, such as a satellite link, or a lower speed link, such as a terrestrial link. Preferably, the terrestrial link (which may comprise a conventional dial-up Internet connection) is a two-way link,

10   wherein the requesting terminal transmits data requests to the network via the terrestrial link. The data requests generated by the requesting terminal are modified to designate whether the requested data should be downloaded from the network

15   via the terrestrial link or the satellite link. The terrestrial link may also be automatically selected for certain applications.